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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3663

Application No.: 10/577,909

Examiner: E. PIPALA

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For: FAILURE SENSING DEVICE OF VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the December 2, 2008 Office Action and the February 24, 2009 personal interview, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. No claims are amended.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Pipala and Keith in the February 24, 2009 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner expressly consider Gross, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0151490. As agreed during the personal interview, this reference was improperly cited in the May 1, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement because a zero was omitted from the serial number, and the Examiner intended to, but failed to cite this reference in the Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) included with the May 2, 2008 Office Action.